

MONTANA SENATE
2007 LEGISLATURE

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

DATE 1-11-06

NAMES	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
KEITH BALES (R)	✓		
GREGORY BARKUS (R)	✓		
JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R)	✓		
JOHN COBB (R)	✓		
MIKE COONEY (D)	✓		
STEVE GALLUS (D)	✓		
KEN HANSEN (D)	✓		
BOB HAWKS (D)	✓		
RICK LAIBLE (R)	✓		
LANE LARSON (D)	✓		
DAVE LEWIS (R)	✓		
GREG LIND (D)	✓		
COREY STAPLETON (R)	✓		
BILL TASH (R)	✓		
MITCH TROPILA (D)	✓		
DAVID WANZENRIED (D)	✓		
DAN WEINBERG (D)	✓		
CAROL WILLIAMS (D)	✓		
TRUDI SCHMIDT (D) - CHAIRWOMAN	✓		
TARYN PURDY, LFD	✓		
PRUDENCE GILDROY, SECRETARY	✓		



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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Finance and Claims** recommend that **Senate Bill 66** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: *Trudi Schmidt*
Senator Trudi Schmidt, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 19, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Finance and Claims** recommend that **Senate Bill 69** (first reading copy -- white) **do pass**.

Signed: _____

Trudi Schmidt
Senator Trudi Schmidt, Chair

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Committee Vote:

Yes 18, No 1

Fiscal Note Required _____

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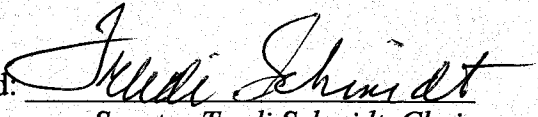
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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Finance and Claims** recommend that **Senate Bill 37** (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended.

Signed: 
Senator Trudi Schmidt, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 19.

Following: "(ii)"

Insert: "By September 15, the legislative branch consolidated shall submit a preliminary draft of the information required under 17-7-111 to the budget director."

2. Page 1, line 20.

Following: "17-7-111"

Insert: "in final form"

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 19, No 0

Fiscal Note Required ____



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PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR



JOHN BOHLINGER
LT. GOVERNOR

January 10, 2007
Senate Finance and Claims, Room 317
5 PM

Mr. Chair, Members of the committee:

For the record, I am Jan Lombardi, education advisor for Governor Schweitzer.

I am here to support SB 55 as requested by the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning.

Thank you Senator Ryan for carrying this bill.

The Schweitzer Administration is committed to providing a quality education for all the children of Montana. We know that kids need high quality educators, but we also know that they need good and safe school buildings and classrooms in which to learn, too.

We do not have an adequate picture of our school facilities in Montana. Therefore, the December 2005 special session provided funding for the state to conduct a study of K-12 facilities. The recommendations from this study will be presented to the 2009 legislature.

SB55 picks up where we left off at the end of December's Special Session.

We have identified a unique one-time funding stream available after a series of events beginning with the passage of SB 495 in 2001 and concluding with earlier than anticipated pay off of the loan contained in that bill. Others can speak to the details of that transaction, but the Governor supports the concept. SB 55 establishes an account to provide money to schools to implement essential improvements as identified by the study. From this one time source, \$52 million will be available to help schools with major deferred maintenance, improving energy efficiencies and responding to changes in student populations that result in critical infrastructure needs in the 2011 biennium.

The governor supports this mechanism for saving funds for school facilities and has included this approach in his school funding bill, Senate Bill 152, also carried by Senator Ryan. In addition, the funding for this savings account is included in the HB2 budget.

By planning ahead, the state of Montana will be better prepared to help schools address their critical facility needs and ensure the provision of a quality education to all students.

Amy Carlson is here to speak to the fiscal issues and Tom O'Connell is available to answer questions regarding the school facilities study.

I ask for your support for SB55.